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I authorize the following amendment to claim 18 in application no. 10/800,106. It is my understanding the with this amendment, the application is in condition for allowance.

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18. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory computer readable medium storing computer executable instructions, the computer executable instructions defining steps comprising:

receiving, at a media access controller (MAC), a first request for a connection from a requesting agent, the first request having a quality of service parameter indicating one of a multimedia connection and a data connection;

sending from the MAC to a dynamic host configuration protocol (DHCP) server a second request for one of a plurality of network addresses using one of first and second MAC addresses associated with the MAC based on the quality of service parameter, wherein the sending the second request comprises:

retrieving the quality of service parameter from the first request,

sending the second request for a first network address using the first MAC address if the quality of service parameter indicates the multimedia connection, and

sending the second request for a second network address using the second MAC address if the quality of service parameter indicates the data connection;

receiving a network address in accordance with the second request; and

sending the received network address to the requesting agent to establish the connection in accordance with the first request.